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Minn. School Seeks More Applicants

Requirements For Entrance Slightly Higher—Lt. Davis

Minimum requirements for entrance into the Army Military Intelligence School at Savage, Minn., are slightly higher now than that which existed last October when Capt. Tobin and his recruiting party visited here, it was revealed as Lt. Thomas P. Davis and Staff Sgt. Takashi Matsui conducted recruiting here Thursday and Friday. Recruiting took place in Building 6, across from the Administration building.

Lt. Davis explained the change in requirements was made because of the "considerable difficulty being encountered by the earlier applicants who are presently studying at the Savage school."

"Though applicants here have been very few, the few that have come in have been greatly enthused about prospects of entering the school," Lt. Davis said. "Those who volunteered for the special combat unit may, should they desire, apply for transfer to the intelligence school."

The new six-month term at the school, for which recruiting was conducted here, will start July 1. Induction into the U. S. Army of accepted applicants will take place two or three weeks prior to the commencement of the new term. Those completing the course will be assigned to overseas duties and in some cases to teaching appointments, it was explained.

Lt. Davis, who has been in Japan for 17 years, speaks and writes the Japanese language with ease. He returned to this country on the S. S. Gripsholm last August. Staff Sgt. Matsui is a former Seattleite.

Prior to coming here, Lt. Davis and Staff Sgt. Matsui conducted recruiting at the Heart Mountain center. The two are scheduled to be at the Tule Lake center on May 3, and in the Salt Lake City area on May 9. Then they will visit the Topaz, Utah, and Granada, Colo., centers before returning to Savage, Minn.

Federal Job Opportunities Open Up for Evacuees

An announcement that the Civil Service Commission and the War Relocation Authority have agreed on a procedure to utilize the available labor supply from relocation centers in federal employment was disclosed by J. G. Beeson, employment officer, Thursday.

Within a short time a list of available positions which are open in the federal service will be announced by the 11th Civil Service Region. Evacuees who are eligible for leaves under the new leave procedure and are interested in federal employment should apply.

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Hunt's Army Volunteers Parade as Impressive Flag Dedication is Held

With the volunteers of Hunt taking the spotlight in a parade with the Boy Scout drum and bugle corps, an impressive flag dedication ceremony was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Administration Area. Project Director Harry L. Stafford gave the dedication speech before a large crowd.

Following the pledge of allegiance led by the Boy Scouts and the playing of the national anthem by the drum and bugle corps, the invocation was given by Father Tibesar. Master of ceremonies Howard Sakura introduced Mike Hagiwara as the speaker for the volunteers. Featured was a vocal selection by the high school Girls' Chorus.

Course in Nursing Open to Residents

A Red Cross course in the principles of nursing care of individuals in the homes will be made available to Hunt residents, according to Mrs. Maxalyn Evans, head nurse at the base hospital. The course, however, is not a nurses' aid course.

Red Cross home nursing certificates will be awarded those successfully completing lessons, it was added, and special classes conducted in Japanese are also planned.

Miss Natsuko Yamaguchi of the hospital nursing staff has recently been appointed by the American Red Cross as itinerant home nursing instructor. She will conduct classes here during May and June. Thereafter, she will travel to other centers in a similar capacity.

All those interested are asked to sign up on their respective dining hall bulletin boards.

JACL PURCHASES \$2000 IN BONDS

Two thousand dollars in war bonds, Serial B, were purchased recently by national headquarters of the Japanese American Citizens League in Salt Lake City, Hito Okada, national treasurer, announced.

"It is the duty of every citizen to aid the country's war effort by purchasing war bonds," he said.

Hunt Hi Musicians Win First Places In State Contest

Three first place awards were captured by Hunt-high school students who with 300 others competed in the Southern Idaho High School Music Contest at Blackfoot April 23. Representing Hunt were Yosh Uchida, bass, Masashi Hashida, violinist, and Susie Takimoto, soprano.

Concluding the ceremony following the dedication speech, the finale was presented by the drum and bugle corps.

Guests who attended the ceremony were O. L. Thoreson, mayor-elect of Jerome; Charles H. Welteroth, president, Jerome Rotary Club; Claude Detweiler, president, Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce; Bert Sweet, mayor-elect of Twin Falls; R. S. Tofflemire, editor, Twin Falls Times-News; W. W. Thomas, C. W. Folsom, A. W. Peck, Twin Falls American Legion; Lt. William J. Cullinane and Lt. George M. Terry, Military Police Escort Guard Company of Hunt.

Spring Clean-up Day Here Tuesday

Tuesday will be Spring Clean-Up Day.

Typewriters and pencils will rest as the appointed personnel and all resident workers, excepting those in essential operations, turn out en masse Tuesday afternoon to pick the center clean of all rubbish and scrap.

A clean-up chairman selected for each block will lead residents in removing all refuse from the block grounds. Usable lumber will be hauled to the warehouse area, while scrap wood will be piled for use as kindling. Stray bits of coal will be returned to the coal piles, and the grounds between the barracks will be leveled with rake and shovel. The block judged to be cleanest will be announced in the next issue of The Irrigator.

Elementary and high school pupils will clean up the school blocks, while the appointed personnel will cover the administration and hospital areas.

Hunt's Volunteers Organize, Elect Committee of Ten

Meeting with Assistant Project Director Schafer and Lt. George M. Terry of the Military Police, Hunt's army volunteers last Monday elected a committee of ten "empowered to do whatever is necessary in behalf of the volunteers whenever occasion arises."

One of the committee's primary functions, according to Mike Hagiwara, secretary of the group, will be the selection of Acting Corporals for each contingent of enlistees leaving the center for induction.

At Monday's meeting, the volunteers heard Lt. Terry give an account of what an enlistee undergoes between induction and training.

Members of the committee of ten are Masaru "Chick" Uno, chairman; Mike Hagiwara, secretary; Tomoe Takayoshi, Dick Set-suda, Dr. Robert Higashida, Milton Maeda, Howard Sakura, Harry Yanagimachi, George Yamauchi and Hiroyuki Ichihara.

Throng of 3500 Bids Moving Farewell to Boys

BY DYKE MIYAGAWA

An estimated crowd of 3500 milled about the administration area under a somber sky last evening and bid a moving farewell to the first contingent of Hunt volunteers leaving for induction into the United States Army. The swarming mass of well-wishers literally inundated the road cutting through the administration buildings, excitedly moving about and exchanging final hand-shakes and words with the departing volunteers.

But it was mostly the young who jostled and bantered their way through the crowd. The older residents—parents and relatives of the boys who were going off to war, possibly never to return—stood stoically on the outer edges of the weeping, black-headed mass.

They stood, speaking but little, and visibly proud of their warriors-to-be, but also visibly sad and grimly determined to understate and underplay their emotions. Occasionally, a volunteer's mother, dressed in her Sunday best, dabbed at her eyes with a handkerchief, while father and son vainly sought to wear casual looks in a moment of seeming finality. And here and there could be seen young wives and girls clinging to their men folk, snatching repeated, secret looks at the latter's apparently impassive profiles. Some of the wearers of the inexpressive faces were leaving in a few minutes. Others would be leaving in a few days with later contingents. It was a matter of emotion, not of time, and the emotions were the same.

The air in the center of the crowd, where the younger members of the send-off party predominated, was punctuated by the expected stereotyped yet meaningful phrases. "Well, so long, you son of a gun... Good luck, Butch... Keep your chin up... Wish I was going with you... Take care of yourself." And now and then the familiar Americanisms receded while an issei moved up to grasp the hand of a volunteer and say, "Shikkari-se-ya." ("Do a good job, like a man").

It was a scene men had depicted often before, whenever a war had to be fought and men marched off in step with the blare of martial music. So when the Boy Scout drum and bugle corps struck up the always stirring, fighting tunes of patriotism, a sudden hush overwhelmed the crowd, and throats were lumpy with feeling. The

The first contingent as well as the ones to follow from Hunt and the other centers will join the 2500 Hawaiian volunteers already stationed at Camp Shelby.

The 39 who left here last night are:

Henry Takai Matsumura
George Yukio Hijiya
Masao Iga
Fred Matsuharu Irinaga
Charles Mitsuo Murakami
Larry Toshio Murakami
Masao Ikeda
Hidemitsu John Sato
Donald Dairoku Matsumoto
Yoshio Fujiwara
Yoshio Fred Ohno
Kaoru George Yamauchi
Pete Masaharu Kozu
George Kabuto Okitsu
George Keiji Sato
Robert Masao Nishimoto
Meiji Hayashi
Hisashi Nishimura
Takeo Shimizu
Tamio Suyama
Yoshide Noritake
Arthur Osaki Susumi

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Mile-Long Firebreak Constructed; Fire Fighting Classes Continued

Following the first classes held last Saturday, the Hunt brush fire fighters built an approximately mile-long firebreak in the sagebrush off the camp, the project's fire chief, William L. Yeager revealed this week.

The continuation of classes each Saturday was also announced. About 25 to 50 men, preferably those between the ages of 17 to 21, can be used, Yeager said. Applications are being taken at Engine Company No. 1.

Tentatively wages are set at approximately 70 cents an hour. The best of rationed food is promised

the fire fighters, according to Yeager. Time will begin from the moment a crew member leaves the center and will end when he returns to camp.

Arrangements will be made whereby work in the brushes will not conflict with project jobs held by any crew member. Time for the project jobs will cease to be taken while he is working in the brushes, it was said.

Instructors for the initial class were the Messrs. Matthews, March, Singleton, Pollard, Ingard and Coe. Chief Yeager plans to conduct all future classes.